

Fort Totten, Surgeon and Chaplain's Quarters  
Fort Totten State Historic Site  
12 miles southwest of Devils Lake City  
off Route 57  
Devils Lake Vicinity  
Benson County  
North Dakota

HABS No. ND-8

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STATE NORTH DAKOTA	COUNTY BENSON	TOWN OR VICINITY DEVILS LAKE VICINITY
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) FORT TOTTEN, SURGEON AND CHAPLAIN'S QUARTERS		HABS NO. ND-8
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Fort Totten State Historic Site, 12 mi. SW of Devils Lake City off Route 57		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1870	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Contractors Dale and Stead	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) An excellent, well-preserved example of a military post of the Indian War period in the trans-Mississippi West		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) The walls are masonry, painted white protect the poor quality of the brick. The structural system consists of load-bearing brick walls with wooden interior framing. A rubble foundation supports the structure.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) The T-shaped building measures 46'-3" (six-bay front) x 55'-7" and is two stories high.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The porches are simple wooden projections with wooden columns painted white. The main entrance is distinguished by two identical segmental brick arches containing single doors, each having a three-light transom over each door. The roof is hipped and covered with wooden shingles. Painted wooden cornice and eaves adorn both two story and single-story structures. The two-story structure has a more elaborate cornice		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The west entrance hall has an open-well stair. The simple four-panel wooden doors are equipped with porcelain door knobs. The walls are painted plaster on wood lath, and some ceilings are attached to incandescent fixtures. See attached sheet for floor plans.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE The over-all condition of the structure is good.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE One of the original privies still remains attached to the west side of the single-story structure. See Fort Totten State Historic Site, HABS No. ND-17, for additional report of the building.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) The data is based on HABS Architect's Work Sheet, written August 21, 1972, National Register listing.		
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with wooden brackets located at each corner.

Floor Plans:

The Surgeon and Chaplain's Quarters building is divided into two halves by a 9" masonry wall. The west side enters into an entrance hall with a stair, to the left is a 15'-4" x 15'-3" room opening on a smaller room through a large cased opening. Immediately behind these are two rooms, in the single story wing, are two rooms and a privy. The other side is similar with the exception of no stair and two pantry closets in the one-story wing. The stair corridor on the west side of the second floor opens into a closet. The east portion contains two rooms with two closets and a passageway.